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SUBJECT: ROUND-UP - UNICEF 1975 EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION

SUMMARY: THE 1975 SESSION OF UNICEF EB WAS SLIGHTLY MORE POLITICAL THAN IN THE PAST. THE PHILIPPINES, TURKEY, SOME OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES RECOMMENDED BUT DID NOT PUSH FOR AN ENLARGED EB. ANNUAL RATHER THAN BIENNIAL ELECTIONS WAS INTRODUCED BY EGYPTIAN DEL IN RES WHICH ALSO RECOMMENDED GEOGRAPHICAL ROTATION OF ALL CHAIRMEN. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT HISTORY VOTE WAS CALLED AT THE INSISTENCE OF USSR ON THE ISSUE OF PROGRAM ASSISTANCE TO CHILE. MAJOR ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE BORAD INCLUDED:

1) BASIS HEALTH NEEDS; 2) MANAGEMENT SURVEY; 3) CHILD NUTRITION; 4) RES. ON EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN BY UNICEF; 5) RES. TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA ON BASIC SERVICES TO CHILDREN; 6) REVISION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF UNICEF AND 7) BUDGETS FOR 1975/76. IN ADDITION MEMBERS DEBATED UNICEF'S INFORMATION POLICY; A PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE INPUTS INTO COUNTRY PROGRAMS. US, WHILE MAINTAINING LOW PROFILE, PLAYED

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ACTIVE ROLE AS MEDIATOR IN SEVERAL CRUCIAL SITUATIONS AND

INITIATOR OF RES ON WOMEN. HEAD OF DEL (SCELSI) CHAIRED
WORKING GROUP ON REVISION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE AND
UNICEF TERMS OF REFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. 1975 UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS
WENT SMOOTHLY. THROUGHOUT THE SESSION THERE WERE CORRIDOR
CONVERSATIONS REGARDING EXPANSION OF MEMBERS OF BOARD.
TURKEY AND THE PHILIPPINES RAISED ISSUE DURING DEBATE. IT
APPEARS THAT THE PHILIPPINES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PRC
ADDED TO BOARD IN ORDER TO BREAK UP THE "COZY CLUB" WHICH
UNICEF HAS. THE LATIN AMERICANS WOULD LIKE MORE SEATS.
IN CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH REP (GOKSENIN) US DEL (GASTON)
WAS TOLD HIS DEL WOULD NOT PRESS ISSUE THIS YEAR BUT IT
WOULD BE MAJOR ITEM AT 1976 SESSION. HE FELT IT BETTER FOR
UNICEF NOT ECOSOC TO SET LIMITS ON NUMBER TO BE ADDED.

2. BASIC HEALTH NEEDS - THE WHO/UNICEF JOINT STUDY TO
MEETING BASIC HEALTH NEEDS WON PRAISE FROM A MAJORITY OF
DELS. USSR MADE ONLY ATTACK STRESSING THE NEED FOR
SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES AND PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED DOCTORS
NOT JUST MEDICAL AUXILIARIES. IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE. BOARD ENDORSED RECOMMENDATIONS MADE
IN STUDY AND THE STRENGTHENING OF UNICEF AND WHO
ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS FIELD TO COUNTRIES.

3. MANAGEMENT SURVEY - THIS ITEM WILL BE ON THE 1976
AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR WILL PREPARE A REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN TO
IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADDITIONAL MEASURES HE
WILL TAKE IN 1977. ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF
IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED TO EB AS
SOON AS FEASIBLE. USSR ATTEMPTED TO INSERT AMENDMENTS
INFO DRAFT REPORT OF THIS ITEM WHICH WOULD HAVE HANDI-
CAPPED RATHER THAN HELP SECRETARIAT IMPLEMENTATION.
FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH US DEL AND MEETING WITH FRG
AND SWISS DELS WHO ALSO HAD AMENDMENTS, USSR WITHDREW ITS
REVISIONS.

4. CHILD NUTRITION - THIS STUDY WAS CRITICIZED BY
SEVERAL DELS WITH US AND SWEDISH REPS MAKING STRONGEST
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OBJECTIONS. THE BOARD REQUESTED THAT A HIGHER PROPORTION
OF UNICEF ASSISTANCE GO TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF CHILD
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10. RESOLUTION OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION - THIS RES
RECOMMENDS THAT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION CONSIDER AND
ENCOURAGE ACTION TO MEET THE TWO MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
ENLARGEMENTS OF BASIC SERVICES TO CHILDREN; A DEEPER COMMIT-
MENT BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONCERNED
TO SUPPORT BASIC SERVICES; AND A PARALLEL COMMITMENT
BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE
LEVEL OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE.

11. REVISION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND UNICEF
TERMS OF REFERENCE -

CHAired BY US DEL (SCELSI) A WORKING GROUP MET MARCH 19
AND 20 TO REVISE UNICEF'S TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES
OF PROCEDURE. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO USSR REQUEST THAT
UNICEF SHOULD HAVE A CHARTER. THE WORKING GROUP
COMPLETED REVISIONS DURING EB SESSION. RULES WERE
APPROVED AND MOST DELS FEEL THAT THE PRESENT TERMS OF
REFERENCE WHICH ARE BASED ON GA AND ECOSOC RES AND BOARD

DECISIONS ARE SUFFICIENT GUIDELINES FOR UNICEF AND A
CHARTER IS UNWARRENTED. THE BORAD AT THIS SESSION DECIDED
TO DELAY CONSIDERATIONS OF A CHARTER UNTIL NEXT YEAT.

12. SUGGESTIONS FOR PROVISIONAL AGENDA, 1976 SESSION
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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE SUGGESTED FOR 1976 SESSION:

- 1) FROM CONCEPTION TO YEAR FIVE - CANADA
- 2) EVALUATIONS - CONCEPT AND PROJECT - US
- 3) MANAGEMENT SURVEY PROGRESS REPORT
- 4) PROPORTION OF SPEICAL ASSISTANCE VERSUS GENERAL RESOURCES
- 5) ROLE OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES.

13. OFFICERS 1976 SESSION -
FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF RES TO LIMIT TERMS OF OFFICE TO ONE
YEAR WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT IN 1976 THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS
WERE RE-ELECTED: CONZETT - CHAIRMAN, EX BD; LUTHRA -
CHAIRMAN, PROGRAM COMMITTEE; SRIAMIN - CHAIRMAN,
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.
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